ethion is used by the tea industry in India for controlling majority of tea pests. An Indian tea trade delegation led by the Chairman, Tea Board had discussed the residue standards of European Union with the European Commission at Brussels in June, 2003. It was then clarified that application of pesticides in tea in India has drastically come down over the years and that use of ethion has been restricted after the implementation of integrated pest management control system in tea. The European Commission has agreed to review the residue limits for imports of tea. The tea research institute in India have already given suitable guidelines to the tea producers in the country regarding restricted use of ethion.

Hazardous dairy products from New Zealand

498. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that hazardous butter oil and other dairy products and infant foods are entering into the country from New Zealand in the absence of any Sanitary and Phytosanitary checks (SPS);

(b) whether it is a fact that the Centre for Trade in Agriculture and Agro based industries (CITA) has filed a petition before the Directorate General of Anti-Dumping and Allied Duties (DGAD) urging for imposition of anti-dumping duty; and

(c) if so, the steps Government propose to take to check inflow of cheap butter oil and other dairy products?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI SATYABRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) to (c) Import of any food article is regulated as per section 5 & 6 of the Prevention of Food Adulteration Act, 1954. The Custom Officers may detain the consignment of imported food and draw the sample and get it analyzed in the Central Food Laboratories/authorized State Food Laboratories to assess the quality of such food articles as per the provisions of the Prevention of Food Adulteration Act and rules made thereunder.

As per the notification No. 21 (RE-2001)/1997-2002 dated the 30th July, 2001 issued by Ministry of Commerce & Industry, milk and milk

product shall be subject to a sanitary import permit to be issued by Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying as per section 3 A of Live Stock Importation Act, 1898 as incorporated by Live Stock Importation (Amendment) Ordinance, 2001 dated the 5th July, 2001 and as notified on 7th July, 2001.

Anti-dumping investigation are initiated on the basis of a fully documented petition submitted by the domestic industry containing sufficient evidence in respect of alleged dumping, injury and causal link between the two. Designated Authority may also initiate suo-motu investigations if it is satisified from the information received from the Collector of Customs appointed under the Customs Act, 1962, or from any other source that sufficient evidence exists as to the existence of dumping, material injury to the domestic industry and causal link between the two.

the Directorate General of Anti-Dumping & Allied Duties (DGAD) has received a petition from the Centre for Trade in Agriculture and Agro based industries (CITA) alleging dumping of butter oil from New Zealand and requesting for imposition of anit-dumping duties. Anti-dumping investigation was initiated in this case vide notification dated 26.11.2002 The matter was being investigated by soliciting information from the importers and exporters of the product but in the meanwhile the petition was withdrawn by the CITA. Accordingly investigation in this case was terminated by the DGAD vide notification dated 17.9.2003.

Cold-Chain Complexes for fruits/vegetables

499. SHRIMATI BIMBA RAIKAR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to set up a country-wide network of cold-chain complexes to meet the requirements of fruits/vegetables for both export and domestic markets;

(b) if so, the proposed locations thereof;

(c) whether India is the World's second largest producer of fruits and vegetables; and

(d) if so, the reasons for India's measly share of 0.6 per cent of the global market for these items?